Centre takes over Immigration Functions at Attari, Wagah And Rajasansi

372. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether immigration functions at Attari (Rail), Wagah (land) checkposts and Rajasansi airport have been taken over from the Punjab Government by the Centre recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Immigration and Registration functions at the three Immigration checkposts *i.e.* Attari (Rail), Wagah (land) and Rajasansi airport and registration functions in the Amritsar district, have been taken over from the State Police by the Bureau of Immigration, an organisation meant for dealing with the immigration matters under the Central Government *w.e.f.* 15.7.2000. However, registration functions for Pakistan nationals has not been taken over and this continues to remain with the State Police.

Multi-purpose National Identity Cards

373. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether computer readable National Identity Cards are being issued and inventory of citizens/non-citizen is prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the proposal is already dropped or decided to go slow; and

(d) the factual position and targeted action plan for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A professional consultancy firm has been entrusted with the task of preparation of detailed feasibility report in this ragard. This feasibility report is expected shortly. After the report is received, detailed consultations will be held with all the States/UTs on this matter.

Deportation of Bangladeshis

374. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladeshis in Delhi run into several lakhs and they have been staying for several years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bangladeshis increasingly figure in the capital's rising crime graph and it is one of the important factors for growth of slums in Delhi;

(c) if so, whether Delhi Police would identify these illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and deport them; and

(d) by when this task would commence and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There have been instances where a number of Bangladeshi nationals were found to be illegally residing in Delhi. It is, however, difficult to make any exact estimate of such illegal immigrants because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) There have been cases in which some Bangladeshi nationals were found to be involved in crime.

(c) and (d) The detection and deportation of illegal immigrants is a continuing process. During the last three years and upto 22nd July, 2000, Delhi Police detected and deported 689 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

Religion Based Training in Schools at Indo-Nepal Border

375. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late there has been a rise in the number of schools giving religion based training along the Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether a substantial majority of the above institutions belong to the Minority Community;

(c) whether many of these institutions have received funding from the ISI and are being used for antinational activities; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to regulate their funding and prevent them from acting against the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some of the Madarsas/Mosques are reported to be in receipt of funds from some Islamic countries.